GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:74
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Prices of Vegetables and Fruits
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of vegetables and fruits in various parts of the country have shown a rising trend during the last three months and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the increase in prices of vegetables and fruits is mainly on account of high margins of middlemen and other factors and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard along with steps taken to increase the production of vegetables and fruits in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 74 DUE FOR REPLY ON 1ST MARCH, 2016.

(a): As per the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (Base Year 2004-05) and the Combined Consumer Price Index (CPI) (Base Year 2012), there is no rise in the prices of fruits and vegetables during last three months. The movement of the WPI and CPI are as under:

Commodities	Wholesale Price Index			Consumer Price Index		
	November, 2015	December, 2015	January, 2016	November, 2015	December, 2015	January, 2016
Fruits & Vegetables	279.1	273.8	257.5			
(1) Vegetables	330.7	318.4	289.4	158.4	146.7	141.5
(2) Fruits	236.6	237.1	231.2	128.2	126.6	125.9

(b): Price of fruits and vegetables can increase due to various reasons such as crop seasonality and unfavourable weather conditions. The difference between wholesale and retail price is due to transportation cost, loading/unloading expenses, grading/sorting, wholesaler's margins, wastages during movements/weighting, location of retail shop, fixed overhead expenses of retailers and margins of retailers.

(c): Government is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), which provides support for production of planting material, vegetable seed production, vegetable cultivation, rejuvenation of senile orchards, protected cultivation, creation of water resources, creation of infrastructure to prevent post harvest losses of horticultural crops and adoption of Integrated Nutrient Management (INM)/Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Assistance for increasing horticulture production is also being provided under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) scheme. Basic and strategic research in the field of production of vegetables and fruits is conducted by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) with its 15 Horticultural Research Institutes/Directorates/National Research Centres and 8 All India Coordinated Research Programmes (AICRPs)/All India Network Programmes (AINPs).

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